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DISMANTLEMENT OF US MILITARY SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has failed to voice the demand for the dismantlement of US nuclear base in Diego Garcia during the PM`s tour of US and in the millennium summit of UN;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether India has also failed to react to the National Defence System being built by the US; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a), (b) India`s position on the issue of foreign military bases in the Indian Ocean iswell known. The issue of dismantling of US bases in Diego Garcia did not come up for discussion either at the Millenium Summit or during bilateral discussions with the US.

(c) & (d) The matter was discussed in bilateral talks with the US. The Prime Ministerelaborated the government`s position in this regard, giving voice to India`s concerns covering the technological, political and disarmament related aspects.